

FISCAL MEMORANDUM
HB 491 – SB 1604

April 12, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004717): Requires at least one employee of the Tennessee Highway Patrol in each district office to be trained pursuant to the memorandum of understanding authorized in the original bill.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will send instructors to Tennessee to train selected officers of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. The costs of the five-week training session will be borne by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The costs of travel and per diem for officers to attend the training and the costs of backfill and over-time to cover such officer's position while attending the training will be paid for through federal grants administered through the Tennessee Department of Homeland Security. It is estimated that the travel, per-diem, backfill and over-time costs that will be covered by federal grants will exceed \$100,000 for the initial training in FY07 and will be less than \$50,000 in subsequent years to cover the costs of continued education and to train any new officers added to the program. Any operational costs, such as investigations and over-time, that the Department of Safety incurs in the execution of a Trooper's duty as an immigration officer will not be covered by federal grants but will be covered by the State. Such costs can not be quantified but are estimated to be less than \$100,000.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption applied to amendment:

- The Department of Safety indicates that 24 officers will receive training.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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